

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance has been received in the above-identified application but the issue fee has not, as yet, been paid.

A claim for priority based on the German priority application and the PCT application has been made in the application. The specification is now amended to reflect the claims for priority.

As of the time of this writing, applicants are in the possession of only a copy of the German priority document. Hence a copy is forwarded at this time.

Applicant has ordered a ribboned copy, which ribboned copy was mailed by air mail from applicant's German associate on August 13, 2004. However, the ribboned copy has not yet arrived in the undersigned's office. As soon as it is received, it will be forwarded to the Patent and Trademark Office.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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